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SUBJECT: ICCS: POLDEL PANS CANDEL CONDUCT

1. SUMMARY: DURING CONVERSATION MARCH 15 WITH EMBOFF, ICCS POLDEL POLITICAL ADVISOR RUSNIERZ PASSED ON ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF POLDEL MARCH 12 REBUTTAL STATEMENT WHICH CRITICIZED CANDEL AMB. GAUVIN FOR DISTORTING POLDEL POSITION AND PUBLICIZING ICCS PLENARY DETAILS. IN SUBSEQUENT REMARKS, KUSNIERZ ALSO OBJECTED TO AGGRESSIVENESS OF CANDEL MEMBERS IN THE FIELD. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF CALLED ON POLDEL POLITICAL ADVISOR KUSNIERZ MARCH 15 TO DISCUSS RECENT ICCS ACTIVITIES AND, IN PARTICULAR, KHE SANH REBUTTAL REMARKS DELIVERED BY POLDEL AT MARCH 12 ICCS PLENARY. KUSNIERZ PROVIDED EMBOFF WITH AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE POLDEL MARCH 12 STATEMENT WHICH READS:

" THE HEAD OF THE CANDIAN DELEGATION, IN HIS STATEMENT DISTORTED THE STAND TIKEN FROM THE VERY BEGINNING BY THE POLISH DELEGATION. THIS DISTORTION CONSISTED IN EXTRACTING FROM THE CONTEXT ONLY PART OF THE REASONING AS WELL AS IN LEAVING ASIDE ESSENTIAL PARTS OF OUR STAND. IT OMITTS IN
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PARTICULAR BASIC LEGAL ARGUMENTS, PRESENTED BY OUR DELEGATION, THAT AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHIES, BECAUSE OF EVIDENT REASONS, CANNOT CONSTITUTE PROOFS IN THE CASE. THE MORE SO THAT THE DELIVERER OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHIES ADMITS BY THE SAME THAT HE HAS VIOLATED THE SOVERIGNTY OF THE OTHER PARTY AS WELL AS THE AGREEMENT AND THE PROTOCOLS.

" MOREOVER, THE HEAD OF THE CANDIAN DELEGATION, IN SPITE OF THE REACHED UNDERSTANDING, ON HIS OWN AND IN A NON- OBJECTIVE WAY INFORMS THE PUBLIC OPINION ABOUT THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION PARTICULARLY ABOUT DETAILS OF SESSIONS AND STANDS OF THE RESPECTIVE DELGATIONS. THE HEAD OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION IS NOT A SPOKESMAN OF THIS COMMISSION, HENCE HE IS NOT ENTITLED TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE ICCS, THAT IS ON BEHALF OF THE POLISH DELEGATION AS WELL, WHICH HAS NOT AUTHORIZED HIM TO DO IT."

3. KUSNIERZ HAD JUST SPENT THE LAST TEN DAYS IN VIENTIANE AND HANOI WORKING ON ICCS PROBLEMS. HE NOTED THAT DURING HIS ABSENCE ICCS POLDEL MEMBERS HAD BECOME INCREASING CRITICAL OF CANDEL ACTIONS. POLDEL CRITICISMS CENTERED ON 1) THE CONDUCT OF AMB GAUVIN, 2) THE AGGRESSIVENESS OF CANDEL MEMBERS IN THE REGIONS 3) CANDEL RELEASE OF INFORMATION ABOUT INTERNAL OPERATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE ICCS.

4. DURING THEIR PERIODS OF CHAIRMANSHIP IN THE REGIONS AND IN SAIGON, KUSNIERZ SAID THAT CANDEL PERSONNEL HAVE ACTED IN AN AGGRESSIVE AND OVERBEARING MANNER TO THE POINT OF TRYING TO TOTALLY DOMINATE ICCS ACTIVITIES. KUSNIERZ WAS PARTICULARLY SEVERE ON GAUVIN WHOM HE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RELEASE OF DETAILS REGARDING PLENARY DISCUSSIONS AND VOTES. ACCORDING TO KUSNIERZ, MUCH ACTION ONLY POLARIZES THE ICCS INTO TWO BLOCS WHICH IS SOMETHING POLDEL WANTS TO AVOID.

5. EMBOFF DID NOT RAISE ISSUE WITH POLDEL POSITION ON AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE. KUSNIERZ MAY NOT BE UP TO DATE ON THE LATEST STATE OF PLAY. WE WILL DEAL WITH THIS MATTER IN SEPTEL.

6. COMMENT; OF LATE WE HAVE BEEN HEARING THE SAME SORT OF CRITICISM OF CANDEL CONDUCT FROM HUNGEL. KUSNIERZ APPEARED MOST CONCERNED OVER THE PUBLICIZING OF " CONFIDENTIAL" PLENARY DISCUSSIONS WHICH IS READILY UNDERSTANDABLE GIVEN POLDEL'S POSITION. A PERSONALITY FACTOR MAY ALSO BE INVOLVED. WE UNDERSTAND GAUVIN HAS CLASHED MORE THAN ONCE WITH POLDEL

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